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1. In this Act, Interpretation.

(*a*) "Board of Governors" means Board of Governors of the Federation;

(*b*) "Department" means Department of Education;

(*c*) "executive" means executive of the Federation;

(*d*) "Federation" means Ontario Teachers' Federation;

(*e*) "member" means a member of the Federation;

(*f*) "Minister" means Minister of Education;

(*g*) "regulations" means regulations made under this Act;

(*h*) "teacher" means a person who is legally qualified to teach in a public school, separate school, continuation school, high school, collegiate institute or vocational school and is under contract to teach in such a school but does not include an inspector, an instructor in a teacher-training institution or a person employed to teach in a school for a period not exceeding one month;

(*i*) "board of trustees" means board of education, board of high school trustees, board of public school trustees or board of separate school trustees. 1944, c. 64, s. 1.

2. The federation of teachers known as The Ontario Teachers' Federation is continued as a body corporate. 1944, c. 64, s. 2, *amended*. Body corporate.

3. The objects of the Federation shall be, Objects.

(*a*) to promote and advance the cause of education;

(*b*) to raise the status of the teaching profession;

(*c*) to promote and advance the interests of teachers and to secure conditions which will make possible the best professional service;

(*d*) to arouse and increase public interest in educational affairs; and

(*e*) to co-operate with other teachers' organizations throughout the world having the same or like objects. 1944, c. 64, s. 3.

Membership in Federation.

4.—(1) Every teacher shall be a member of the Federation except,

1944, c. 64.

(*a*) a teacher who has withdrawn from membership under subsection 1 or 2 of section 4 of *The Teaching Profession Act, 1944*;

(*b*) a teacher who,

(i) at any time during World War II was a member of His Majesty's forces or engaged on special war service designated by the regulations, and

(ii) at the time of entering the forces or becoming engaged on such service was a teacher or was training to be a teacher at a provincial normal school or the Ontario College of Education, and

(iii) notifies the Minister and the secretary of the Board of Governors of his withdrawal from membership by registered letter posted not later than six months after he ceases to be in the forces or on special war service. 1944, c. 64, s. 4; 1947, c. 107, s. 1, *amended*.

Associate members.

(2) Every student in a normal school or in the Ontario College of Education shall be an associate member of the Federation. 1950, c. 85, s. 1.

Board of Governors.

5.—(1) There shall be a Board of Governors of the Federation which shall be composed of 40 members as follows:

(*a*) the immediate past president, the president, the first vice-president, the second vice-president and the secretary-treasurer of The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, The Federation of Women Teachers' Associations of Ontario and The Ontario Public School Men Teachers' Federation, and five representatives of each of such federations, who shall be elected annually at the annual meeting of their federation;

(*b*) five representatives of L'Association de l'Enseignement Francais de l'Ontario, who shall be elected

annually at the annual meeting of the Association; and

(*c*) five representatives of The Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association, who shall be elected annually at the annual meeting of the Association.

(2) The members of the Board of Governors shall take office at the conclusion of the annual meeting of the Federation and shall hold office until their successors take office. Term of office.

(3) If a vacancy occurs on the Board of Governors it shall be filled by the executive of the affiliated body which the person who vacated the office represented and the person so named to fill the vacancy shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the person who vacated the office. 1948, c. 91, s. 1, *part.* Vacancies.

6.—(1) There shall be an executive of the Federation which shall be composed of nine members as follows: Executive.

(*a*) the immediate past president, the president, the first vice-president, the second vice-president and the third vice-president of the Federation;

(*b*) one representative of The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, one representative of The Federation of Women Teachers' Associations of Ontario and one representative of The Ontario Public School Men Teachers' Federation, who shall be elected annually at the annual meeting of the Board of Governors from among its members; and

(*c*) the secretary-treasurer of the Federation.

(2) The members of the executive shall take office at the conclusion of the annual meeting of the Federation and shall hold office until their successors take office. Term of office.

(3) If a vacancy occurs on the executive it may be filled by the Board of Governors from among its members who represent the affiliated body which the person who vacated the office represented, and the person so named shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the person who vacated the office. 1948, c. 91, s. 1, *part.* Vacancies.

7. There shall be a president, a first vice-president, a second vice-president and a third vice-president of the Federation who shall be elected annually at the annual meeting of the Board of Governors from among its members in such a manner that the offices of the immediate past president, president, first President and vice-presidents.

vice-president, second vice-president and third vice-president shall represent each of the affiliated bodies. 1948, c. 91, s. 1, *part.*

Secretary-treasurer.

8. There shall be a secretary-treasurer of the Federation appointed by the Board of Governors who may be a member of the Board of Governors and who shall receive such remuneration as may be fixed by the Board of Governors. 1948, c. 91, s. 1, *part.*

Functions of executive.

9. The executive shall be responsible for carrying on the business of the Federation and may,

(*a*) subject to the approval of the Minister, acquire and hold in the name of the Federation such real and personal property as may be necessary for the purposes of the Federation and may alienate, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of such property as occasion may require;

(*b*) invest the funds of the Federation in any securities in which a trustee is authorized to invest money in his hands under *The Trustee Act*;

Rev. Stat., c. 400.

(*c*) make such grants as it deems advisable to organizations having the same or like objects as the Federation. 1944, c. 64, s. 7.

Conferences.

10. In the interests of the advancement of education and the improvement of teaching conditions in Ontario, the Board of Governors shall meet annually and confer with the Minister and the senior officials of the Department on matters touching and concerning the objects of the Federation, and the Board of Governors shall at such meeting and may at any other time make such representations and recommendations either of a general nature or which relate to any particular school, teacher or matter as it deems advisable and as are in keeping with the objects of the Federation. 1944, c. 64, s. 8.

Collection of fees.

11. The prescribed membership fee shall be deducted by the board of trustees from the salary of each teacher for the month of November or for the first month thereafter in which the teacher begins a term of employment and shall be forwarded to the treasurer of the Federation. 1944, c. 64, s. 9.

Regulations.

12. Subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, the Board of Governors may make regulations,

(*a*) prescribing a code of ethics for teachers;

(*b*) prescribing the fees to be paid by members of the Federation;

(*c*) providing for voluntary membership in the Federation of persons who are not members thereof and prescribing the duties, responsibilities and privileges of voluntary members;

(*d*) prescribing the duties, responsibilities and privileges of associate members;

(*e*) providing for the suspension and expulsion of members from the Federation and other disciplinary measures;

(*f*) designating the services and organizations which shall be deemed to be special war services for the purposes of clause *b* of subsection 1 of section 4;

(*g*) providing for the holding of meetings of the Board of Governors and of the executive and prescribing the manner of calling and the notice to be given in respect of such meetings;

(*h*) prescribing the procedure to be followed at meetings of the Board of Governors and of the executive;

(*i*) providing for the payment of necessary expenses to the members of the Board of Governors and the executive;

(*j*) conferring powers upon or extending or restricting the powers of and prescribing the duties of the Board of Governors and of the executive;

(*k*) providing for the appointment of standing and special committees;

(*l*) providing for the establishment of branches of the Federation or of the recognition by the Federation of local bodies, groups or associations of teachers which shall be affiliated with the Federation. 1944, c. 64, s. 10; 1947, c. 107, s. 2; 1948, c. 91, s. 2; 1950, c. 85, s. 2.

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